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## Pennsylvania's Vegetable Acreage

HARRISBURG, PA, July 13, 2009 --- Vegetable processors in **Pennsylvania** have contracted 9,800 acres of snap beans in 2009, down 8 percent from the 10,700 acres contracted in 2008, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Pennsylvania's forecasts based on the 2009 July Fresh Market Vegetable Survey indicate a 2 percent decrease in harvested acreage for fresh market sweet corn. Fresh market sweet corn acres for harvest are forecast at 14,600, down from the 14,900 acres harvested in 2008.

United States **processors** have contracted 1.23 million acres to be planted to the nation's five major vegetable crops (snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes). This is up 6 percent from last year. Acreage increases for sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, and tomatoes more than offset the decline in snap bean acreage. Contracted green pea acreage remains virtually unchanged. Green pea contracted production, at 400,920 tons, is down 3 percent from 2008. Contracted tomato production is forecast at 13.9 million tons, up 14 percent from 2008.

At the United States level, prospective acreage for harvest of 11 selected **fresh market vegetables** during the summer quarter in the major producing states is forecast to be 265,100 acres, virtually unchanged from last year. Acreage increases in snap beans, carrots, sweet corn, cucumbers, and bell peppers more than offset acreage declines in broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, head lettuce, and tomatoes. Area forecast for melon harvest is 87,900 acres, virtually unchanged from last year. Cantaloupe area is forecast at 28,900 acres, 2 percent above 2008. Honeydew area, at 10,200 acres, is down 5 percent from last year. Watermelon area, at 48,800 acres, is down 1 percent from a year ago.

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